



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 735**

LCO No. 1306

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

SEN. SULLIVAN, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING RECREATIONAL FISHING IN CONNECTICUT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 490 of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Increase
- 2 fines for violation of Department of Environmental Protection fishing
- 3 regulations; (2) prohibit fishing for elver eels in Connecticut waters; (3)
- 4 prohibit the use of shellfish draggers in protected waters or within one
- 5 hundred yards of the shoreline; and (4) classify false albacore and
- 6 bonito as game fish.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect and strengthen recreational fishing as an environmental and tourism asset in Connecticut.